

Store Closes Daily at 5 P. M., excepting Saturday

## INVENTORY DAY!

## Business Going On As Usual.

This is our busy day—but we're not too busy to supply anything you need to wear. While we're turning stocks over to find out where we stand, we expect to find some mighty fine bargains in odds and ends, to tell you about tomorrow.

From the way things look—odds and ends on every hand even before we've dug down into stocks—we're going to have a good collection of tid-bit bargains in every department for our usual odds-and-ends Sale. Watch for news of it.

**MEIGS & CO.**  
INCORPORATED  
OUTFITTERS TO MEN WOMEN & CHILDREN  
BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

## THE THEATRES

## JACKSON'S

DAVID COPPERFIELD.

Edward C. White, the successful producer as well as popular director of a number of recent theatricals, will present his picked company in a true dramatization of Charles Dickens' immortal story, "David Copperfield," at Jackson's Theatre on Monday evening next. All the quintessential personages created in Dickens' fertile brain, and so vividly drawn in word picture by his facile pen, will be represented in the play by an unusually fine cast of artists. The scenic effects and wealth of detail which characterized the New York performances of this production last season will be faithfully reproduced here.

One of the novelties, among many others, which will mark the "David Copperfield" production at Jackson's Theatre, will be the presence in the cast of four of Bridgeport's brightest children, ranging from six to fourteen years of age. Just who the lucky ones will be, it is hard to predict just now, as all of the applicants for the honor show exceptional ability in the miniature rehearsal held so far.

Manager Jackson says, nevertheless, that he will not make his selection till Saturday night. Instead of limiting the number of applicants, he is doing his utmost to encourage the talented youngsters of this city to display their talents in public. Some of the children, while not suitable for the "David Copperfield" production, will be kept in mind for other shows in the future.

The little ones will represent the "littlest" children in the play. Two girls and two boys are needed. The sale of seats for "David Copperfield" will commence on Friday morning. Judge from the number of inquiries regarding the engagement here, a splendid audience is assured.

## WILD SCENE IN COURT

Corporal Crabtree on Trial for Murder Shouts to His Mother Not to Testify.

Port-Crook, Neb., Aug. 25.—Frankly beseeching his mother to keep quiet and not testify further, Corporal Crabtree, who is being tried before a court-martial here for the murder of Capt. Raymond at Fort Des Moines in June, created such a scene that he was threatened with the gag and irons. Only after he had been removed to the far end of the room, where he was held in his chair by two soldiers, did the prisoner become silent.

Crabtree is from Tyrone, Penn., and his mother and brothers came to give evidence as to his sanity. The mother was in the witness chair, giving evidence, when Crabtree suddenly leaped to his feet, threw off the hands of the guard who seized him, and cried:

"Keep quiet, mother. For God's sake, keep quiet! Don't say anything more. You have talked too much already."

The prisoner was finally quieted. Another outburst occurred a few minutes later, when he again interrupted the court shouting:

"Don't answer that question. Go home. They will ruin you all. This trial is a farce."

Finally his outbursts became so frequent that the court could not proceed. Col. Gardner, President of the court, went to him. When told that he was to be gagged, Crabtree promised to keep quiet, and did so for the remainder of the day.

The defense finished its case yesterday afternoon and rebuttal began today.

## LIVE WIRE BROKE

## LOOSE IN EAST SIDE

A hundred feet or more of live wire raised high in the air at the foot of Hough avenue early last evening. An incoming car from New Haven was passing when the pole flew off the same time. The fallen wire struck on the tracks and caused an electric display and attracted several hundred people besides short circuiting the system and tying up all of the cars on the Stratford avenue and Seaside avenue lines.

The people who stopped to watch the sparks fly from the live wire gathered so close to it that Police Commissioner Thomas C. Coughlin telephoned to the company's phone station at Fairfield avenue and Main street and Inspector John Cavanaugh came to the scene with a rope with which he proceeded to lead the writhing wire to a pole and clear the street from the death dealing string of copper.

This permitted automobiles and teams to pass. Linemen for the company put the wire back in position temporarily and the cars were running on schedule time again at 7 o'clock.

Open Today.

The Turkish bath connected with the Hotel Atlas, Fairfield avenue near Seaside street, which has been in the hands of the painters, plumbers, cleaners, etc., have had a thorough overhauling and renovating and are now open and ready for business night and day. You are invited to call any time and be shown over the hotel and Turkish bath, which is one of the show

## CITY WILL NOT

## PAY CLAIM OF

## MRS. PETRUCCELLI

## Claims Committee Decides

## that She Should Seek Redress of Connecticut Co.—

## Other Claimants.

The Council committee on claims sat up and spruced itself last evening when Mrs. Louisa Petrucelli appeared in person to testify in connection with her claim for damages which she has asked the city to pay for injuries which she received by a fall at Main and Wall streets, March 29, 1903.

Mrs. Petrucelli is the wife of Attorney Petrucelli, and daughter of the Italian consul of New Haven. She is a beauty of the pure Italian type and was most becomingly gowned. It was her knee that was injured when she fell. The tissues were torn, she said. A very handsome dress was destroyed. The skirt of the dress was not broken, the plaintiff testified, but it was bruised. The gown she had worn but once. She had suffered pain because of her hurt knee, she said, and the last anguish because of the destruction of the beautiful dress. She was represented by Attorney Greenstein. She was given permission to withdraw her petition. This was not in derogation of her claim, but upon the ground that she should have been made against the Connecticut Company, because she fell upon a portion of the street which the company is bound to keep in order. She asks for \$100.

The petition of Mrs. Michael Surdam, asking damages of \$500, was heard. Seven and one half feet were taken from the entire frontage of her plot when North Main street was widened recently.

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## WARNER BROS. BIG

## CHIMNEY COMPLETED

## The brick smokestack of the new

## power plant of the Warner Brothers

## Company is nearing completion, as is

## the power plant. The contract calls

## for completion on Sept. 1. It is the

## third highest stack in the city, being

## exceeded only by that at the West

## end plant of the Crane Brothers,

## which is 25 feet higher and that at

## the Connecticut Co. power plant on

## Seaside avenue, which is said to be

## 40 feet higher. The new stack towers

## 150 feet in the air, its base being

## octagonal in shape. At the base the

## chimney is 23 and a half feet in diameter

## but narrows until it only 8

## and a half feet in diameter at the top.

## The material used in constructing the

## chimney is what is known as hollow

## radial brick, the walls being 30 inches

## at the bottom and 20 inches at the top.

## It is estimated that there are

## 680,000 bricks in the stack. It rests

## upon foundations 55 feet in depth on

## a solid gravel soil. The actual work

## of building this stack was not started

## until August 7 since which time it

## has progressed at the rate of about

## 10 feet a day. The stack is designed

## to receive all the gases from three

## batteries of two boilers each representing

## in all 1,500 horse power. It has

## been built by the W. W. Kellogg Co.

## of New York from the plans of Dodge

## &amp; Day.

## Patrolman O'Neill

## SAVES BOY'S LIFE

## Patrolman James J. O'Neill by his

## prompt and decisive action saved a

## life, yesterday afternoon. In full uniform

## and weighted with his accoutrements

## he jumped into the water at

## Berkshire Mill dam and brought

## Michael Chisarik of 571 Berkshire

## avenue, who had reached too far for a

## stick of floating wood and lost his

## balance. The ambulance was called

## and Ambulance Surgeon Bennett gave

## the lad stimulants and revived him.

## NEWTON

## Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Donlon of Jersey

## City, formerly of this place, have the

## sympathy of their many friends in

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## The D. M. Read Co.

Established 1857.

The Store closes at five o'clock except Saturdays.

## Special Price on Velvet Rugs.

An opportunity is now afforded customers to get Velvet Rugs at a price which is exceptionally low. We are showing a line of these rugs in both Oriental and medallion designs, with Grecian borders, which are very handsome. The quality is all that could be desired, and they are suitable in every degree for your home. Regular size, 9x12.

It will be of interest to visit our large and commodious rug store and inspect these rugs. They are offered at the

## Special Price of \$20.25.

Display of the rugs may be seen in a Main street window.

## Zibelines and Poplins

Fine cotton mercerized zibelines in rose, lotus, navy, brown, grey, pink, champagne and black at 25 cents per yard.

Satin striped poplin is a new cotton fabric with satin stripes. Special at 25 cents per yard.

Wash goods section.

## Remnant Sale of Dress Goods

The remnant sale of black and colored dress goods is going on. Though many pieces have been sold, there are still some excellent bargains left. Remnants suitable for dresses and also for children's coats and dresses can be had for a very low price.

Bellfor Bath Powder, a benzoinated bath luxury, which renders the water soft and leaves the skin antiseptically clean and smooth, 25 cents.

The Eagle Stylographic Ink Pencil, worth regularly one dollar, is now selling at 59 cents. It has a spring needle point and is very satisfactory.

The Tea Room provides tempting lunches these warm days.

## The D. M. Read Co.

## Radford B. Smith

1072 Main St. DEPARTMENT STORE, 89 Fairfield Av.

"THE STORE TO FIND SCARCE ARTICLES"

## COUPON GOOD

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

## Seconds

## Celebrated Burson Black

## Stockings for Ladies

## Worth 25c to 35c, with

## coupon

## 11c

## ALL THE WEEK

## BARGAINS

At 1c, 10c dozen—50 kinds very high

Colored Views Bridgeport, on

Postals.

At 35c—Sets Gem Safety Razor Blades

None exchanged now; were 50c

set.

At 10c—Lot Damaged Brushes; worth

10c each when all right.

At 36c—Iron Mail Boxes.

At 25c—Best Auto Goggles ever sold

at this price.

At 10c—Children's Small Wagons and

Carts.

At 5c—Pieces Bias Lawn Binding; big

value at price.

## Gallie's Gorman Co.

The Always Busy Store.

## FINAL

## CLEARANCE!

Tomorrow—Hundreds of Suits, Dresses and Waists at Amazing Reductions

## THREE GREAT BARGAIN PRICES

LINON SUITS

LINGERIE DRESSES

LINEN DRESSES

FOULARD DRESSES

WOOLEN DRESSES

TAFFETA DRESSES

COAT DRESSES

LINEN SUITS

REPP SUITS

WHITE SUITS

RAJAH SUITS

LACE COAT SUITS

VALUES UP TO \$25.00.

## 5000 Waists \$1.75 and \$2.98

All the popular models of the season, made of the finest TAFFETA, BATISTE, LACE, etc.—tastily and stylishly trimmed.

FINAL CLEARANCE VALUES

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